



PROPOS of the improvements at the White House, it is an assumption for anyone, no matter how high an official position he may occupy, to give an ex cathedra opinion regarding the improvements there, lacking knowledge of the subject. Any innovation or departure from old lines always creates comment, but no one has a right to condemn or applaud unless he is competent to judge. The changes in the White House, which have created so much comment, are not actual changes, but the simple carrying out of a part of the original plan which was abandoned, before the White House was finished, because the appropriations were insufficient to carry it out.

In the early days the White House was criticised by ultra republicans as too "palatial and grand" for the home of a democratic ruler, but we have changed in our requirements and point of view since then, and many private residences exceed the President's house in space and elegance. Anyone familiar with the badly arranged, poorly ventilated, and crowded home in which the Presidents lived for thirty or forty years cannot fail to commend the changes which were inspired by President Roosevelt.

The tea table has come to stay. It is no longer a topping little affair with impracticable furniture, a too gorgeously embroidered cloth and the wobbly hot water pot which could never be induced to burn, but spilled the alcohol over the cloth and carpet and created a sensation by the fire that resulted. All such bizarre arrangements have been done away with, and when a debutante is not behind it, one is sure to receive a good, hot cup of fragrant "Bohea" from a substantial table decked in a practicable manner. It may be an affectation to crave one's cup of tea at 5 o'clock; it is surely very English; but it is satisfactory to have it served, as it should be, instead of, as often in former years, when afternoon tea first became the style, from a square cup on an oblong saucer with a heavy spoon, studded with turquoises.

Dinners were the chief feature of entertaining the past week. Dinner-giving has become a fine art at the Capital. Eminent statesmen and distinguished women interest themselves in it. Nearly all the older people in society are epicures, and cooking is a frequent topic of conversation. Happily, the standard for dinners has changed in the last twenty years. Dinners are shorter, intricate French dishes with impossible names have been done away with, and the caterer with his professional air and his staff is no longer considered good form. The menus are simple, the service exquisite, the viands hot, and everything conduces to the gaiety and jollity which should follow a well-served feast.

The house, formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Grant, which was built some twenty years ago by former Senator Edmunds of Vermont, is closed. The storm doors have been put up, the windows have been sealed, and "For Sale" and "For Rent" signs in front of the house are evidence that it will not again be occupied by any member of the family. Mrs. Grant bought this house of Senator Edmunds ten years ago and lived there every winter after she took possession of it, making her summer home in Canada. Her old friends were always welcome to her Washington home, and her afternoon receptions were an interesting feature of social life here.

Mrs. Sartoris, Mrs. Grant's only daughter, will divide her time between her children, Mrs. Roosevelt Sevel, who was married in the fall and who has established herself in a house in Twentieth Street, and Captain Sartoris and Miss Rosemary Sartoris.

The White House.

President Roosevelt will entertain General Booth at the White House on the evening of Thursday, February 12.

William L. Scruggs, of Georgia, former minister to Venezuela, and for many years special attorney for that country, was among the President's callers yesterday.

The Foreign Colony.

Madame Hengelmüller received last night for the first time this season, having been prevented heretofore from giving her regular Saturday evening receptions by a long and tedious illness. Madame Hengelmüller, who went over to New York for the Ogden Mills dance, and only returned late yesterday afternoon, looked extremely well in a Paris toilet of mode brocade with trimmings of mousseline, hand-painted with chrysanthemums. Her ornaments were emeralds and diamonds. The Baroness von Palm, whose winning personality has gained her many friends in Washington, wore a charming frock of white lace and chiffon. Madame Hengelmüller, who has become a devotee of bridge whist, had tables arranged for her guests and many lingered after the reception to play this fascinating game. Several dinner parties preceded the reception, and it was late before the guests began to arrive. Supper was served at a late hour from a table handsomely decorated with pink carnations.

Lady Minto, wife of the governor general of Canada, and her sister, Lady Antrim, arrived at the British embassy yesterday and will remain as the guests of the ambassador and Lady Herbert for the coming week. Lady Herbert has sent out invitations for a dinner in honor of Lady Minto and Lady Antrim to-morrow night.

M. Jussierand, the French ambassador, sailed from Havre yesterday on the Lucania. Mme. Jussierand, wife of the new ambassador, is an American, the daughter of the late George T. Richards, of New York and Paris. Mme. Jussierand is said to be a woman of many talents and broad social experience. The Jussierands came from Copenhagen, where they have been stationed for a number of years, and where their legation was one of the most popular at the Danish capital.

Mr. Takahira, who left early in the week to attend the banquet of the New York Bar Association in Albany, before which his compatriot, Dr. Masuzima, read a paper, returned to Washington on Friday.

Mme. Takahira, the wife of the Japanese minister, held a large and brilliant reception yesterday afternoon.

Count and Countess von Quadt have taken a house in Farragut Square, where they have established themselves permanently.

An agreeable addition to the diplomatic circle is the Cuban minister and Senora de Quesada. Senor de Quesada

and his wife are at present entertaining Senor Quesada's cousins, the Misses Martinez, of Havana, Cuba. Senora de Quesada was Miss Miranda, the daughter of a wealthy Cuban family, whose ancestors for many generations were distinguished in the history of the Cuban republic. Senora de Quesada was educated in a French school in Saratoga Springs, when she was a girl of sixteen. The marriage took place shortly afterward. Senor and Senora de Quesada have two charming children, one of whom was born in Washington while the Cuban war was in progress. The other, a little tot two and a half years old, was born in New York.

The Cuban minister is regarded as the most promising among the younger politicians in Cuba. He did as much as anyone for the liberation of his country, and his propaganda in the United States will long be remembered. He excited not only sympathy for and interest in the Pearl of the Antilles, but raised immense sums of money to help carry on the war. Senor de Quesada has established a pleasant legation in Sixteenth Street.

Charles L. E. Lardy, charge d'affaires of the Swiss legation, although he has been assigned to duty at Rome with his former chief, Mr. Pioda, who is at present serving as minister there, has received no definite instructions regarding his departure from Washington, and he will probably remain here until the new minister, Mr. Du Marthay, who has been transferred from the secretaryship of the Swiss legation at the Italian capital to this post, is installed in his new position. Mr. Lardy has been in Washington for the past five years, and has made many friends here, who will regret his going.

Sir Ernest Waterlow, the well-known landscape painter, of London, recently elected to the Royal Academy in the place of Frederick Goodall, who voluntarily placed himself on the retired list, is a cousin of Sydney Waterlow, an attaché of the British embassy here. Sir Ernest Waterlow is a man of high attainments, and many friends rejoice in the honor that has been done him by his election to the Academy.

Madame Calderon, the wife of the Peruvian minister, will give a ball Wednesday, February 11, in honor of Miss Roosevelt, daughter of the President.

In Military Circles.

Mrs. Adams, wife of Commander J. Dexter Adams, and her daughters sailed on the Adriatic December 27 for Italy, where Miss Adams will be married to H. Percival Dodge, secretary of the American embassy at Berlin, some time in February. The date of the marriage is not yet announced, but it will probably take place the latter part of the month. Miss Adams' little sister will act as maid of honor and there will be no other attendants. R. S. Reynolds Hill, the second secretary of the American embassy at Berlin, and his bride, who was



SENORA QUESADA.

Miss Edith R. Gray, of New York, sailed on the same steamer with Mrs. Adams and her family. Commander Adams and his sister, Mrs. T. B. M. Mason, will sail February 7 on the Blucher to be present at the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William Disston, of Philadelphia, will give a dinner at the St. James on Thursday evening, February 12, followed by a theater party, to meet Lieutenant and Mrs. Arthur MacArthur, jr., U. S. N. Lieutenant MacArthur is now in command of the submarine boat Holland at League Island, and is the son of Maj. Gen. Arthur MacArthur, of Philippine fame.

Major Oliver E. Wood, of the coast artillery, who is on duty at Tokyo, Japan, as our military attaché, passed a part of last week here.

Mrs. Thomas Wilson and Miss Wilson will spend the winter with Mrs. Wilson's brother, David Rittenhouse, at his home in Twenty-eighth Street.

Mrs. Hall, wife of Capt. Nowl H. Hall, of the Marine Corps, who passed the last week in Washington with her sister, Mrs. Hibbs, has gone to Mare Island, Cal., where she will make her home with her parents, Col. F. H. Harrington, United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. Harrington, until September 1, when she will join Captain Hall at Cavite. Captain Hall sails on February 1 with the marine battalion for his new station.

General and Mrs. Chambers McKibbin and Miss McKibbin have taken the house 1832 Jefferson Place for the winter.

Dinners.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Knox entertained at dinner last night in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Their guests were the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Shaw, the Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne, the Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Wilson, Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Senator Spooner, Mrs. Mather, of Cleveland, Ohio, sister of Mrs. Hay; Mrs. Frick, Miss Kean, Miss Knox, and Reed Knox.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. Payne have sent out invitations for a dinner Tuesday, January 27.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening, after which they will give a large reception.

Senator Foraker entertained at a stag dinner last night. His guests were Senator Quarles, Senator James K. Jones, Senator Gamble, Senator Kirtledge, Senator Bate, Senator Clarence D. Clark, Senator McCumber, Senator John P. Jones, Senator Carmack, Senator Bard, Senator McLaurin, Senator Dooliver, Representative Bromwell, Representative Landis, Representative Taylor, Representative Kyle, Representative Beldier, Hon. D. K. Watson, Justice Thomas H. Anderson, Mr. Haywood, and Albert Douglas.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus C. Tyler have sent out invitations for a dinner of thirty-two covers for Wednesday, January 28.

The Boone and Crockett Club, of which the President is a member, gave its annual dinner at the Metropolitan Club last night. Preceding the dinner, a business meeting took place, at which legislation having for its object the protection of the large game of the United States was discussed.

Senator Hanna will entertain Gen. William Booth, the chief of the Salvation Army, at dinner on the 11th of next month. His guests will include the Pres-



THE CUBAN MINISTER, SENOR QUESADA.

ident, the members of the Cabinet, the leading members of the Diplomatic Corps, and a number of Senators and Representatives. The dinner will be served in the banquet hall of the Arlington.

Former Senator John M. Thurston entertained at dinner last evening in honor of his guest, Col. Willis P. Harlow, of New York. The other guests were Senator Perkins, Senator Fairbanks, Senator Foster, Representative Joseph C. Fabley, Representative Henry C. Loudenslager, Representative David J. Foster, Representative Marcus A. Smith, General Ludington, Justice Shepard, Judge Clabaugh, Assistant Attorney General James M. Beck, Myron M. Parker, R. H. Warner, Addison G. DuBois, Robert B. Brown, and Hon. George E. Green, of Birmingham, N. Y.

The Siamese minister entertained at dinner on Friday evening Mr. Adee, F. J. Allen, Colonel Bingham, Prof. J. H. Gore, Cuban minister, and E. H. Lett, secretary of the Siamese legation.

Senator and Mrs. Foraker have sent out invitations for dinners on Saturday, February 7, and Friday, February 20.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh will entertain at dinner in honor of Miss Cockrell and her niece, Edson F. Gallaudet, Thursday, February 12. Miss Cockrell spent some time with Mrs. Walsh in Paris, and there is a warm friendship existing between them.

The Mexican ambassador and Senora de Azpiroz have sent out invitations for a dinner Wednesday, February 11.

Miss Hanna will entertain at dinner Wednesday, January 28.

Mrs. Joseph Washington will entertain at dinner tomorrow evening.

The Michigan Association will give a dinner at Rauscher's tomorrow evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin entertained at dinner last night in honor of Dr. Henry Van Dyke, of Princeton.

Teas and Receptions.

The Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Kent and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Abbott celebrated the anniversary of their double wedding by a reception at the home of the Rev. Dr. Kent, 124 Twelfth Street northwest, last night. No invitations were sent out, but many friends called in the course of the evening and a supper was served near midnight. The occasion was a gala one and will long be remembered by those who participated in it.

Mrs. Richard B. Chew, of 1535 P Street northwest, will receive Friday, January

29, from 2:30 to 6 o'clock in the afternoon. She will be assisted by Mrs. Earnest Smith, Mrs. Morgan and several friends from Baltimore.

Mrs. David Agnew Greenlee will be at home, 1235 Thirtieth Street, Thursdays, January 23 and February 12.

Mrs. H. M. Schooley, 1535 Columbia Road, will be at home next Tuesday. Miss Margaret Stevenson, of Snow Hill, Md., is her guest and will be with her.

Mrs. Thomas H. Anderson and Miss Perie Anderson will be at home tomorrow afternoon.

Miss Ellen Dahl Andersen will be at home at the Cumberland Thursdays, January 23 and February 5, when Mrs. James Winslow Sweet will be with her.

Mrs. Samuel C. Smoot will be at home tomorrow afternoon, January 26, for the last time this season.

The following named ladies, wives of members of Congress, will receive at the Riggs House Tuesday, January 27, from 3 to 6: Mrs. Rankhead, Mrs. Bartlett, Mrs. Brantley, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. Fox and Miss Newcomb of Georgia, Mrs. Haskins, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs.

and Miss Elizabeth Lefferts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lefferts, of New York city. Captain Sladen is on duty at the Military Academy as instructor of tactics.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Ethel Roland, daughter of Horace Roland, of Reading, Pa., a prominent member of the Berks county bar, and H. Berlin Voorhees, son of Vice President Voorhees, of the Reading Railway. Miss Roland is said to be the original of the heroine of Sir Gilbert Parker's popular book, "The Right of Way." Having met the distinguished author while traveling abroad, he became so interested in the charming American girl that he forthwith decided to make her the central figure of his next novel. Mr. Voorhees is a civil engineer by profession and a graduate of the Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y.

Invitations have been issued by Major T. E. Goodman, pay department, and Mrs. Goodman to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Edith Anne Goodman, to William Bradley Walwer, of Chicago. The ceremony will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Chicago on Tuesday evening, January 27.

Miss Agnes Eulalie Martin, daughter of Noah H. Martin, of the quartermaster general's office, was married in Washington at St. John's Church on Wednesday to Jerome Zerbe Baylis, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Martin is a niece of Passed Assistant Engineer John T. Smith, U. S. N., retired, and a cousin of Assistant Surgeon Charles Gordon Smith, U. S. N., now attached to the U. S. S. Marietta.

Mrs. Addie Sigmund has sent out invitations to the marriage of her daughter Jeannette to Sydney Charles Kaufman, on Wednesday evening, January 28, at 6:30, at the Temple.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden W. Robinson, of 820 Connecticut Avenue, announce the marriage of their daughter, Daisy Greer, to Sherman Page Allen, of Burlington, Vt., on Thursday. The ceremony, which was very quiet, owing to a recent death in the bride's family, was performed by the Rev. Frank Ernest Aitkin, of the Church of the Incarnation, New York.

Notes.

An agreeable addition to the social circle of Washington are Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Denegre, of New Orleans, who have taken the McKee house on the corner of Rhode Island and Connecticut Avenues. Mr. Denegre comes from an old and distinguished Creole family in New Orleans, which has long been prominent in that State, and is an alumnus of Harvard, having graduated in the same class with the President. He makes his summer home at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Miss Maude De Haven Ogan, who is spending the winter at the New Willard Hotel, has been entertaining a number of friends from Chicago the past week.

Countess Zampini Salazar, who visited Washington about a month ago, is at present in New York, and delivered a farewell address at the Hotel Majestic yesterday afternoon on "Modern Italy."

Arthur Bonnycastle, of Louisville, Ky., who has been visiting Washington, has returned home.

Miss Zoe Fleming Dunlap, of New York, is visiting Mrs. Hansbrough, wife of the Senator from North Dakota, of whom she is painting a miniature portrait. Miss Dunlap has already secured her laurels and has done some excellent work. Her miniature of Mrs. Kernochan, of New York, was favorably criticised, and she has made miniatures of Baroness de Bazus and others. Miss Dunlap's portraits of children are especially fine, and her work is exceptional in drawing, color and method.

The musical recital of Mrs. Elizabeth Chenoweth Sloan, which was postponed, will take place tomorrow evening at the Vermont Avenue Christian church.

Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, of New York, will be at the Grafton for the next two months.

Mrs. Mary Felix, of Huntington, W. Va., is the guest of Representative and Mrs. James A. Hughes at the Riggs House. Mrs. Felix is on her way home from a four weeks' visit with relatives in New York and Boston.

Sir Thomas and Lady Shaughnessy, of Montreal, who came to Washington to be present at a dinner given by the Pos-

master General and Mrs. Payne in honor of the British ambassador and Lady Herbert, last Monday evening, left town on Wednesday, and are at the Waldorf in New York.

George S. West, of Denver, is visiting friends here.

Miss Deering, who has been the guest of Mrs. Scott and her daughter, Miss Scott, at their home, 42 Park Avenue, New York, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish Webster, of Newport, have taken the house, 541 Eighteenth Street, and will spend the rest of the winter and spring here.

Miss Bessie Ney, of Harrisonburg, Va., is visiting Mrs. J. P. Herman, 324 Four-and-a-half Street southwest, and will be pleased to see her friends.

Among the out-of-town guests at the White House reception was Mrs. de Garmendia and Miss de Garmendia, who are passing the winter at the Garden.

Meeting of the Columbian Women.

A social meeting of the Columbian women was held at the home of Mrs. Cleveland Abbe, 2017 I Street, yesterday afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Cleveland Abbe and Mrs. Charles E. Munroe received the guests. Mrs. C. P. Cutler and Mrs. J. Hall Lewis presided at the tea table, which was prettily decorated with carnations and ferns, and in the same room Miss McIlheney and Miss Gannett served lemonade. Among those present were Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Bovee, Mrs. Charles Richardson, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Knapp, Mrs. Cutler, Mrs. D. K. Shute, Mrs. Amateis, Mrs. H. L. Hodgkins, Miss Shallenberger, Miss Clancy, Miss Sanders, Miss Doyle, Miss Mann, Miss Crew, Miss Thatcher, Miss Davis, Miss Buckalew, Miss Hill, Miss McWilliams, Miss Clark, and Miss Holbrook. The following interesting program was given in the course of the afternoon:

Piano solo, selection from Chopin... Miss Bartt
Violin solo... Miss Ames
Accompanied by Miss Thompson... Miss Ames
Reading, "Historical Sketch of the Columbian Women"... Miss Doyle
Piano solo... Prof. Christian
Vocal solo... Tuesday Munsie
Reading, "Women in Art"... Mrs. Wood
Violin solo, selections from "Faust"... Arthur Schofield
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